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WILL TOUR AMERICA

Prince Erick to Study Agriculture in the United States

Copenhagen, March 22.—There is good reason to believe that Prince Erick, cousin of King George of England and King Christian of Denmark, will complete his farming education by a tour of the agricultural districts of the United States. For several years the prince has been at work on his farm on Florida island with inter-

vals spent at agricultural colleges. Next summer he will go to England to study agricultural conditions there, and afterwards he will sail for America.

If this young prince considers that he should go to the United States to learn agriculture, it is also apparent that the American authorities are convinced that Danish agricultural institutions have much to commend them, for only last week a special government commission arrived here from Washington, and has already started to study the rural schools, agricultural schools and co-operative agricultural societies of Denmark. The members of the commission are H. W. Focht, bureau of education, department of the interior; L. L. Friend, state supervisor of high schools of West Virginia; and W. H. Smith, rural school inspector of Mississippi.

The commission will remain for three months in Denmark, and on its return make a report on the facilities for agricultural education in a country where the science has been developed more extensively than in any other country in the world. Just at present the American visitors are investigating the highly successful small land holders' school at Ringsted.

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WILL SPEND HIS SALARY

President Poincare Plans to Use Office Income of \$1,700,000

Paris, March 22.—President Poincare has made up his mind to spend, as fast as he receives it, every penny of his presidential income of \$240,000 a year. Then at the end of his seven year term he will return without savings to earn his living as a lawyer. A total income during the term of nearly \$1,700,000 has given opportunity to previous French presidents to lay aside a snug sum against the time when they retire to private life, but even this commendable thrift does not enter into the plans of the new president of the French republic.

M. Poincare expressed this determination to be lavish in his expenditures to a lawyer friend a few days ago. His friend thought this was rather unwise, and pointed out to the president that his private means were not large.

"What will you do if you don't save anything, when you are no longer president?" he asked.

"Do," answered M. Poincare, "why, work, of course. Mr. Taft is going to become a professor at Yale when he leaves the White House; why should not I put on my advocate's gown again?"

PROPOSAL TO BUY MINDANAO DENIED

Copenhagen, March 22.—The American minister to Denmark, Maurice Egan, has given denial to the persistent rumors that the Danish government has approached him with a proposition for the purchase from the United States of the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines. He does not deny that certain prominent Danes have proposed that Denmark should exchange Greenland for Mindanao, with the privilege of trading the latter to Germany for Slesvig, but he does deny that such a proposition was made to him by the German government.

SENTIMENT IS GROWING

Hugh Public Fund For Defense Is Being Raised in Denmark

Copenhagen, March 22.—The sentiment of nationalism is growing in Denmark by leaps and bounds, and a notable result is the collection of a large fund for the defense of the country. Repeated demands on the government for additional fortifications have met with little response, and private interests have now determined to take up the work.

The subscription is headed by the king and queen, and other members of the royal family have contributed generously. The money is now pouring in from all sources, schools, business houses and offices contributing freely. Several artists have donated their paintings to be sold for the fund.

The present unrest in Europe is largely responsible for the interest in this remarkable measure of national defense. The Danish people feel that in the case of a war between any of the great powers, their country would be crushed unless they are in a position to enforce armed neutrality.

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STILL DEBATING OVER COLUMBUS

Paris, March 22.—The questions of the nationality of Christopher Columbus, and where he was born, continue to prove an inexhaustible subject of discussion for historians and philologists.

The latest contribution to the debate comes from a French writer, Henri Schoen, who brings forward a number of new arguments in support of the tradition that Christopher Columbus was born at Calvi in Corsica. This tradition is of course in direct contradiction to the theory that the discoverer of America was of Genoese birth, and it is also contrary to the views of such learned Spaniards as De la Riega and the Marquis de Dos Fuentes, who maintain that Columbus, or Colon, according to the Spanish form of the name, was in reality a native of Galicia, in Spain, a fact which he always concealed with the object of hiding his Jewish origin.

The Spanish investigators, while arguing against the claims of the Italian for Genoa, join hands with them in attacking the theories of Schoen. The French writer bases his arguments on certain names and other details that appear in the narrative of Columbus. In this respect, which is written in the purest of Spanish, one party sees Galicia and the other Genoese reminiscences, while the Frenchman finds support for his Corsican theory. He points out, for instance, that Columbus refers to fish-eaters called "toninas," a word equally unknown in Italy and Spain, but of every day use in Corsica.

To this the Spanish philologist Mariano de Cavia replies that, on the contrary, the word "tonina" is generally used by Spanish seafaring folk to designate either the fresh tunny

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fish or the dolphin. By employing this word to the text of his narrative Columbus was not going outside that language, and the consequent inference of his Corsican origin only becomes one more proof of his Spanish birth.

DENMARK IS INTERESTED

Danish Companies Arranging to Run Steamers Through Canal

Copenhagen, March 22.—No nation in Europe is taking more interest in the opening of the Panama canal than Denmark.

The East Asiatic company is making arrangements to run a direct line of steamships from Copenhagen to the Golden Gate via the canal, and Denmark expects that the new waterway will place the fruits and wines of the Pacific coast within reach of her purse as well as provide a market for her products.

The visit to Copenhagen of the commissioners of the Panama-Pacific international exposition aroused great local interest, and Denmark is determined to be adequately represented at the San Francisco fair. This feeling of neighborliness with the United States was increased by the recent gift of Rebbild Park to Denmark by a large group of Danish-Americans. Many Danish merchants have returned recently from tours of the United States, where they went to get into touch with the latest business methods, and the closeness with which American political and financial conditions are studied is indicated by a number of new Danish laws modeled on those of the United States.

AMERICAN TRADE MAKES HIGH MARK

Copenhagen, March 22.—Edward W. Winslow, the American consul general here, declares that American trade with the Scandinavian countries during the past year established a high water mark.

America is learning rapidly that Copenhagen occupies for Scandinavia the same place London does for the rest of Europe, and as a clearing house that the Danish metropolis acts as a barometer of trade between the United States and the northern countries of Europe. American merchants find the free harbor of Copenhagen an excellent distributing point. It is interesting to note, says Mr. Winslow, that there is no prejudice against American goods, on the contrary, they are preferred. Denmark is now buying from the United States in large amounts corn, machinery, oils, boots and shoes, cotton garments, flour, canned goods, apples and ready made clothing, and she is sending in return garden seeds, sugar beet seeds.

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raw hides, cordials, flint pebbles, dried fish, Icelandic wool and beer. During the past year the Danish exports to the United States have increased by \$1,000,000.

The tourist trade is also growing. Hardly a family in Denmark is without relatives in America, and consequently Americans are made very welcome. The consul general declares that not only the cordial welcome extended to American tourists is making Denmark popular, but also the fact that everywhere in the country they find their own tongue spoken.

OLDEST SHIP IS STILL SAILING

Copenhagen, March 22.—The yacht Constance, said to be the oldest ship in the world in active service, has just been sold to a fisherman of Skaw, up in Jutland, who will use the ancient craft in his trade. The Constance was built in 1720, 193 years ago, and in her long life has sailed into almost every port in the world. Her timbers are still staunch, and her new owner declares he can see no reason why he should not sail the seas for a century to come.

GOOD HOME FOR HORSE AND DRIVER

Paris, March 22.—Old Mathieu, aged 70, the driver of one of the ramshackle cabs of Paris, and his horse Manon, as old relatively for a horse as he is for a man, are to spend the rest of their days in "clover."

Mathieu came out of the cabman's retreat a few days ago to find a stranger stroking his horse's nose. The gentleman explained that he recognized in Manon the horse he used to ride when serving in a cavalry regiment.

"I was very fond of him," said he, "and I would like him to end his days on my place in the country." He offered to buy the horse.

"I would as soon sell my wife if I had one," said the cabman. "No other creature loves me, so far as I know, and I have no other companion. No, I do not think there is enough money in Paris to buy Manon."

The stranger in the end offered the cabman a home on his estate for both himself and his horse. Mathieu accepted gratefully, and now they are both down in Gascony.

PRESIDENT HAS MANY EMBLEMS

Paris, March 22.—Although French presidents only appear with the sash of the Legion of Honor in public, they could, if they wished, display as many variegated ribbons, stars and crosses as any hereditary monarch in the world.

Of living ex-presidents, M. Loubet holds the record; he has no less than 33 Grand Ribbons and Grand Crosses, as against 28 for his successor, M. Fallieres. M. Loubet alone among ex-presidents has the Golden Fleece of Spain, the Lion of the Netherlands, the Lion of Norway, the Intiaz of Turkey, the Liberator of Venezuela, the Star of Ethiopia, the Order of Daniel I of Montenegro, the Golden Lion of Luxembourg, the Redemptor of Liberia, and the Order of the Blood of Tunis. M. Fallieres holds exclusively the Grand Cordons of St. Stephen, of Charles III, of Christ of Portugal, of St. Olaf, of the Nicham-Itikhar, and of the Order of Carol I of Roumania.

WORK WILL BE RUSHED ON LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Washington, Mar. 22.—Former Senator Sulom of Illinois, resident commissioner in charge of the construction of the Lincoln Memorial in this city, is hopeful that the great memorial will be completed earlier than was anticipated, and he said today he would press the work vigorously.

The fact that the sundry civil bill, containing the first appropriation of \$300,000 toward the memorial did not become a law at the last session of congress because of President Taft's veto has handicapped the work, according to Mr. Cullem. He expects, however, that the difficulty will be dealt with in the coming special session. In the meantime Mr. Cullem is looking around for a builder for a memorial and is obtaining samples of American marble which will be used exclusively in its construction.

STEAMERS COLLIDE IN A DENSE FOG

Vineyard, Haven, Mass., Mar. 22.—It was learned early today that the collision between the steamship City of Mexico of the Savannah line and the James S. Whitney of the Metropolitan line in Vineyard sound late last night occurred in a dense fog without injury to anyone on either vessel.

According to Captain Diehl of the City of Mexico, his steamer was rammed by the Metropolitan freighter. The Whitney's stem was twisted and her box was broken, while a large hole, all above the water line, was stove in the side of the City of Mexico.

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PASTOR RUSSELL

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Pastor Russell arrived here this morning on his return from Panama, Kingston, Havana, Key West, Tampa and Pensacola. He took for his text Jesus' words, "When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the Throne of His glory." (Matthew 25:31.) He said:

When six thousand years ago man transgressed the Divine command and came under the sentence, "Dying thou shalt die," he was cast out of Eden, that in the unprepared earth he might pay the death penalty. Even then, in the declaration that the Seed of the woman would eventually bruise the serpent's head, God implied an ultimate victory for humanity over Satan, sin and death.

Later, God's Covenant with Abraham told that victory would come through his posterity, but did not explain how. Centuries later, Abraham's favored posterity, Israel, came into Covenant relationship with God through Moses. Their hope was to keep God's Law so thoroughly as to merit everlasting life, and be competent to deliver humanity from sin and death. However, centuries of effort proved that none could keep the Divine Law satisfactorily.

The next Divine lesson was one of faith. Israel could not keep the Law satisfactorily—could not, therefore, have everlasting life, could not teach others to do what they could not do. The lesson of faith was that they should look forward to a coming Messiah—"a Prince and a Savior."

Various were their hopes respecting Messiah. The promises were scanned to note something concerning Him. Through the prophets God foretold that Messiah was to be the antitype of both David and Solomon, of Aaron and Melchizedek—very great. He was to reign from sea to sea. (Psalm 72:8.)

Israel looked forward with pride to the day when Messiah would exalt them very highly in the earth, and associate them with Himself in blessing all people. These good hopes have held them together as no other people have ever been held. They are still waiting, though disconcerted by the evidences that others are in some respect more favored than they.

Messiah and the Jubilee at Hand.

At last Israel's Star of Hope is rising! At last the prophecies tell that her morning of joy is about to dawn, and that "the desire of all nations shall come." Not merely are Jews claiming that Messiah's Day is nigh; but Christian Bible students see the same. Mohammedans also see. Free Masons claim the same. All men are in expectation of something wonderful.

The multiplied blessings in the inventions of the last half-century bespeak the New Dispensation. If the preparations are so grand, what will be the Inauguration and Reign itself!

Inauguration Scene of Our Text.

Leading in the grand procession picture is the Son of Man, following whom are all the holy messengers; but with Him upon His Throne will be His Bride class—a saintly few. Thus it is written: "When Christ . . . shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."—Col. 3:4; Rev. 3:21.

Grand as have been the inaugural ceremonies of the past week, they were as nothing contrasted with the glorious crowning day for which earth has waited six thousand years. Happy as were the faces which greeted the President, the picture was graced, compared with the joy of mankind, when they realize what God has wrought!

Wherein Did the Jews Fail?

The Jews did not fail. All God's promises to them are still theirs. He never offered them spiritual favors, or suggested taking them to Heaven. The strongest promise, even to Abraham, was that all the land which could be seen would be given to him and his seed. Israel's blessings were to come through Messiah.

God foretold through the prophets that Messiah would suffer. The Jews merely fulfilled a part of the Divine Program. Had Messiah gone to another nation, doubtless there would have been similar results. At the First Advent of Jesus God did more for the Jews than He had promised. He gave them opportunity of becoming members of Spiritual Israel.

Then Divine favor turned to the Gentiles, and gave them a similar opportunity. This work has required nearly nineteen centuries, and we believe is about completed. The Messiah class is about made up. Jesus the Head long ago entered into His glory. Soon the last members of His Body will pass beyond the veil. Forthwith the work of blessing the nations will begin.



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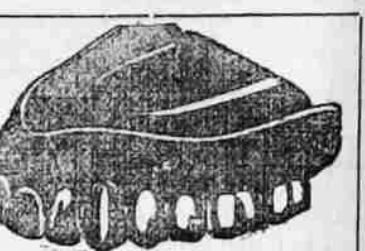
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